



Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases

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NCEZID: Protecting People from Infectious Disease



- Foodborne, waterborne, and fungal illnesses
- Vector-borne diseases -- spread by mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas
- Healthcare-associated infections
- Antibiotic-resistant infections
- Illnesses that affect immigrants, migrants, refugees, and travelers
- Deadly diseases like anthrax and Ebola
- Advanced Molecular Detection

Signature Programs



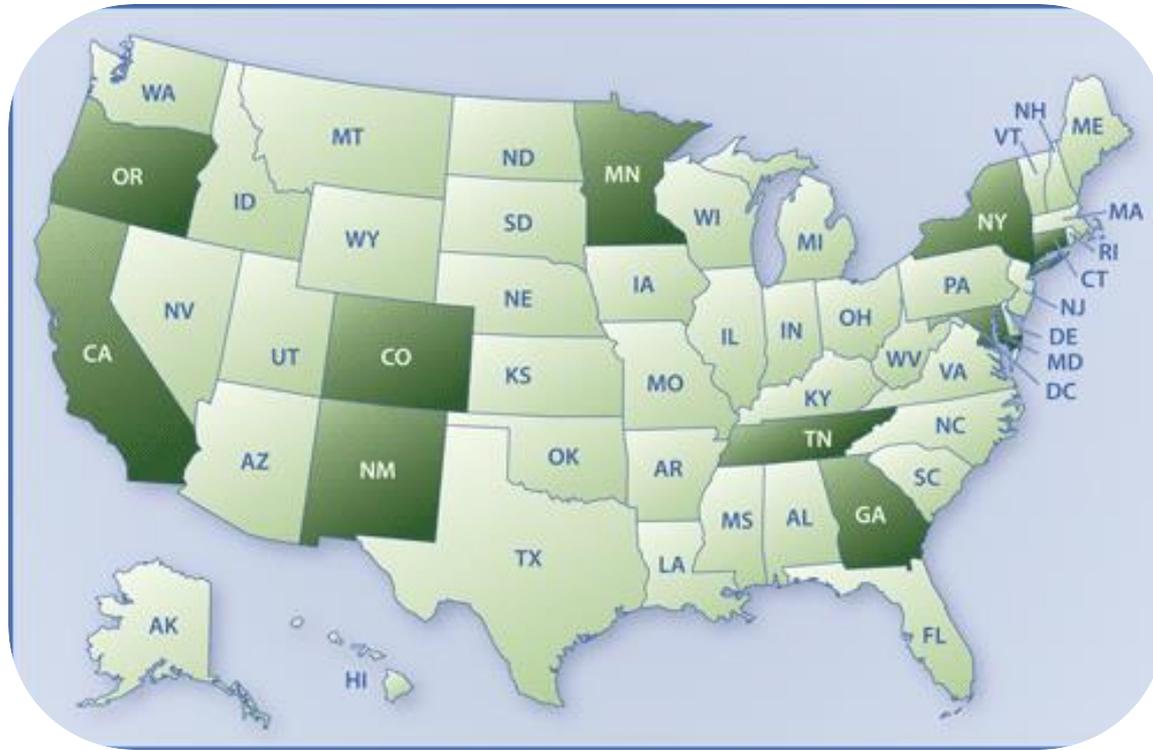
Strengthening State and Local Capacity

Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Grants

- ELC: CDC's national funding strategy for combatting domestic infectious disease threats
 - *Strengthen* epidemiological capacity
 - *Enhance* laboratory capacity
 - *Improve* health information systems
- Support to 64 health departments in states, large cities and territories for >20 infectious disease programs (e.g., flu, foodborne, healthcare-associated infections)



Emerging Infections Program (EIP)



- Network of 10 state health departments and university partners
- Translates gold-standard surveillance into policy and public health practice
- Examples:
 - Active Bacterial Core surveillance (ABCs)
 - FoodNet
 - Influenza activities
 - HAI and antimicrobial resistance

Responding to Outbreaks in the United States

- NCEZID works with states to investigate many infectious disease outbreaks each year
- Example of 2017 multistate outbreak investigation:
 - Worked with states using PulseNet to identify a fast-moving outbreak of Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 infections, mostly in children
 - Identified source within 8 days: soy nut butter
 - Company quickly recalled all varieties of its soy nut butter products.
 - As of March 30: 29 cases (12 hospitalizations, no deaths) in 12 states



Other examples of NCEZID assisting states in investigations since December 2016

- **Kentucky:** CRE (carbapenem-resistant *Enterobacteriaceae*) infections
- **New York:** Possible ongoing transmission of *Candida auris* in healthcare facilities
- **Iowa:** Bacteria-contaminated organ preservation fluid
- **Wisconsin, Illinois:** Seoul virus infection linked to pet rat-breeding facilities
- **Arizona:** Zoonotic spread of leptospirosis from dogs to people
- **Arkansas:** Increased number of laboratory reports for Lyme disease
- **Alaska:** Invasive group A *Streptococcus* infection among homeless people

Responding to US Outbreaks: Domestic Zika Response

- 14 months into most complex CDC response ever
- Key objective is to support state and local jurisdictions in Zika prevention, including \$184M in awards
- Improve laboratory diagnostics
- Monitor pregnant women with Zika infection and their babies
- Implement robust vector surveillance and control programs



NCEZID Laboratories – A Critical Public Health Resource

NCEZID manages a broad array of specialized labs and nationwide lab networks. Examples:

- PulseNet: US lab network that detects foodborne disease outbreaks, prevents 270,000 illnesses each year
- Laboratory Response Network: Responds quickly to biological threats and other public health emergencies
- Infectious Disease Pathology Lab: Conducts specialized studies of human tissues and diseases of unknown origin
- Biotech Core Facility: Provides advanced sequencing and other technology support
- High-Containment Lab: Conducts research on BSL-4 pathogens (e.g., Ebola)



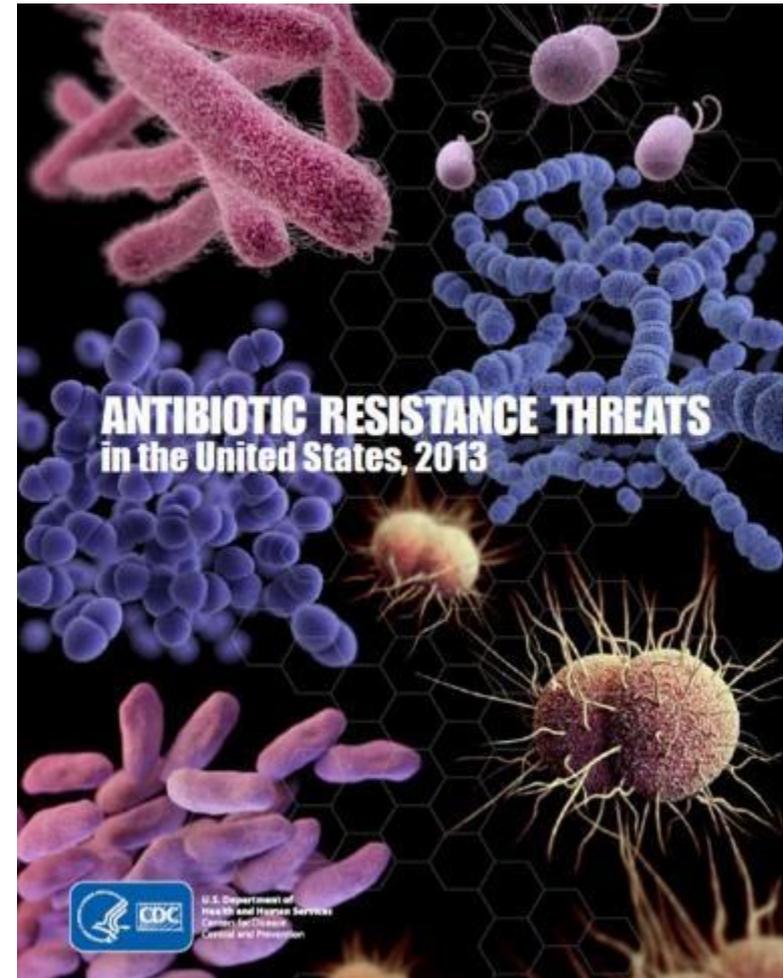
MicrobeNet: Improving Patient Outcomes by Helping Laboratories Match Test Results

- Online database with information on more than 2,400 rare disease-causing microbes
 - Genetic sequence information
 - Biochemical characterization (what enzymes and nutrients does the pathogen use)
 - Morphological characterization (how does the pathogen grow: size, shape, and color of colonies)
 - Antibiotic resistance profiles
- Allows public health and clinical laboratories anywhere in the world to match results from their diagnostic tests against CDC's unique collection of pathogens



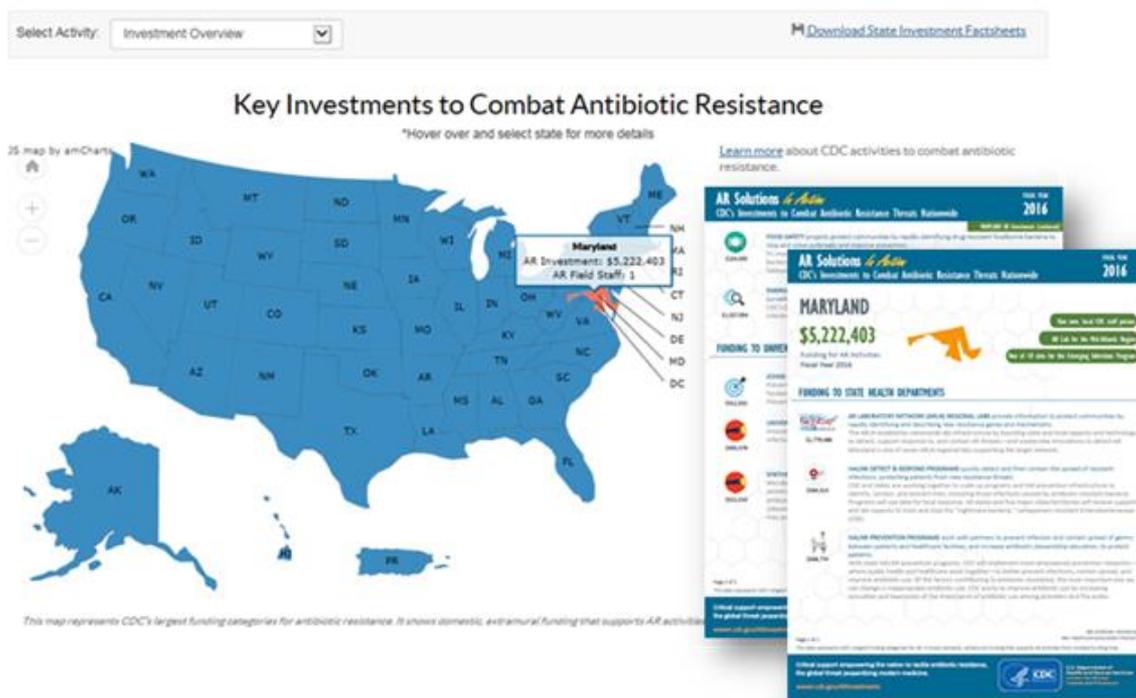
Antibiotic Resistance: An Emerging Threat

- Sickens **>2 million** people and kills at least **23,000** people each year
- **>\$20 billion** each year in healthcare costs
- Threatens modern medicine – if we lose antibiotics, we lose the ability to treat patients with sepsis and cancer, provide organ transplants and save victims of burns and trauma
- Need to act now or even drugs of last resort will soon be ineffective



CDC Investments to Combat Antibiotic Resistance (AR)

- CDC investments with partners are intended to transform how the US fights AR and slows resistance at all levels
- \$160M in FY 2016 AR investments to Detect, Respond, Contain, Prevent and Innovate
- AR Laboratory Network
- Support provided to every state. In Jan 2017 CDC launched interactive AR investment map: <https://wwwn.cdc.gov/arinvestments>



Championing Innovation: Advanced Molecular Detection



Advanced Molecular Detection (AMD):

- Established by Congress in FY2014
- \$30 million per year
- Innovation and modernization program

AMD combines:

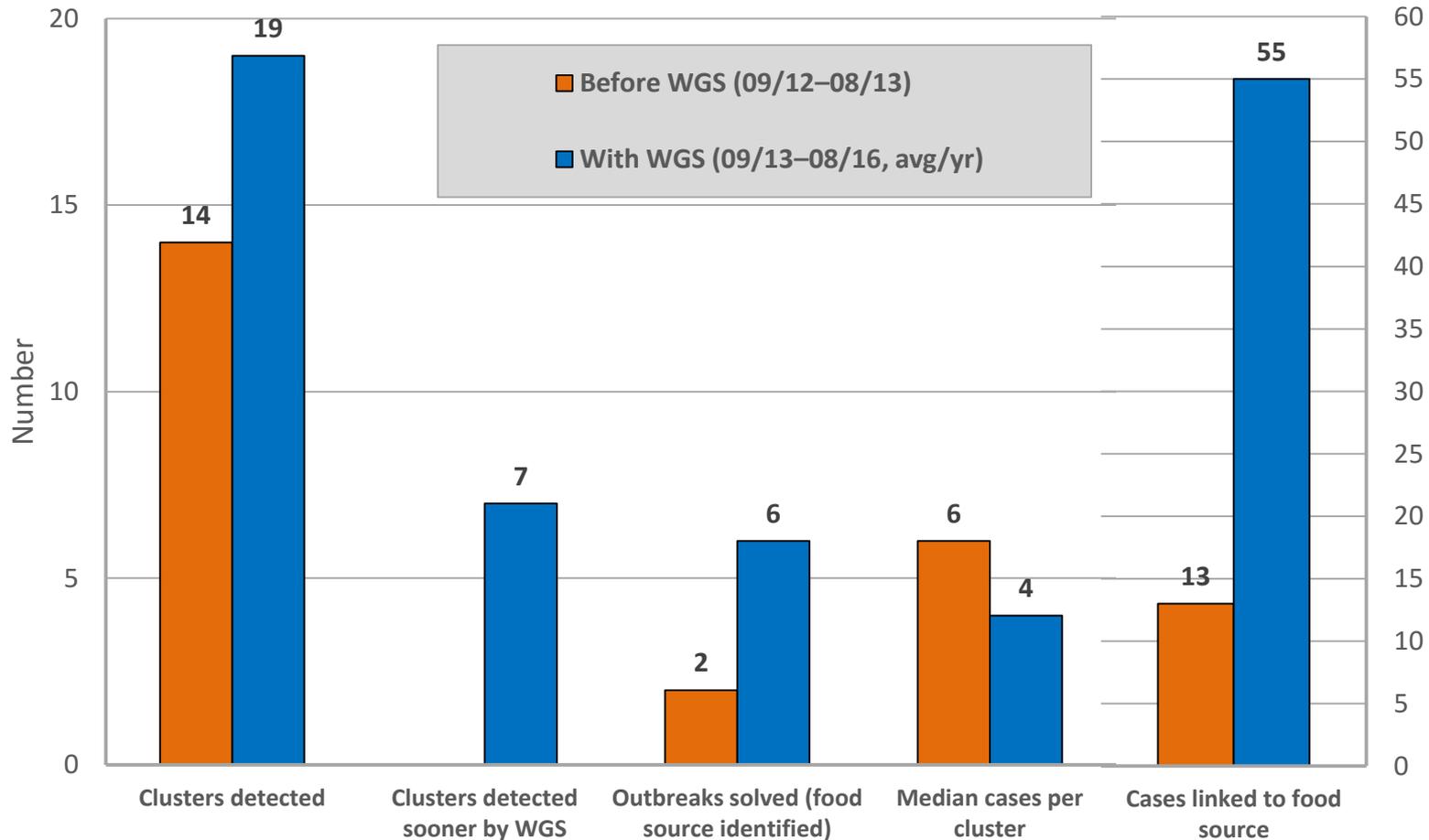
- Traditional epidemiology
- Genomic sequencing
- Bioinformatics

Examples of AMD in Action:

- Zika virus diagnostic development
- HIV outbreak in Indiana
- Influenza monitoring for vaccine development
- Emergence of *Candida auris* strains



U.S. Listeria Outbreaks, Before and After AMD



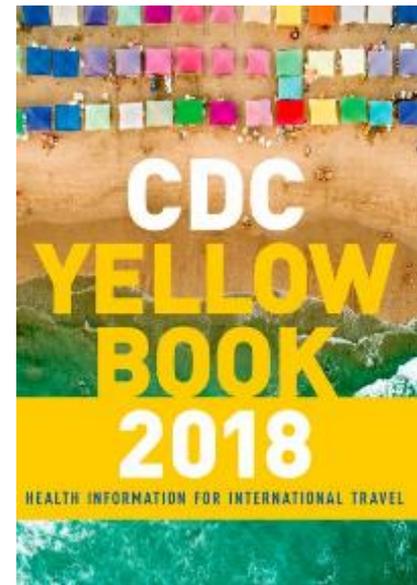
Source: Jackson BR. Clin Infect Dis 2016;63:380-6; and CDC/OID/NCEZID/DFWED

Examples of AMD Successes and Impact

Bacterial Foodborne Illness	Expanding PulseNet whole genome sequencing (WGS) to <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Shigella</i> , <i>Campylobacter</i> , <i>Salmonella</i> , others
Tuberculosis	WGS of all 10,000 U.S. TB isolates to identify locally acquired cases and better understand transmission; rapid inference of drug susceptibility
Influenza	Change to “sequencing-first” approach has revolutionized how influenza viruses are characterized
Antibiotic Resistance	Better understanding of emergence of antibiotic-resistant organisms such as CRE and <i>C. auris</i>
Zika and other mosquito-borne viruses	Methods developed under AMD to monitor Dengue and Chikungunya viruses in the Americas were used to rapidly develop a molecular Zika virus assay early in the outbreak
Hepatitis C virus	Special methods developed, validated and now being rolled out to state health departments for monitoring HCV transmission and detecting outbreaks
<i>Legionella</i>	WGS now being used to better understand the 96% of <i>Legionella</i> cases that are sporadic

Protecting Against Importation of Infectious Diseases

- Quarantine Stations at 20 U.S. Ports of Entry
- Final Rule for Control of Communicable Diseases became effective March 21
 - Improves CDC's ability to protect against introduction and spread of communicable diseases
- Travelers' Health - U.S. residents traveling abroad
- Immigrant, refugee, and migrant health – guidelines, screen/treat, track diseases



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